

Washington, D.C. - The United Fresh Produce Association awarded Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) with the United Fresh Congressional Leadership Award last week at its annual Washington Public Policy Conference. The award was presented for Rep. Farr's continued support of the fresh produce industry.

"It was a great honor to receive the congressional leadership award from United Fresh," said Rep. Farr. "I've worked hard to support specialty crop agriculture since my earliest days in politics as a county supervisor. The work I do in Congress is exciting because of the great number of people I help, not just farmers but the children and families around the country who see the benefits of healthier diets."

The annual conference is the only produce industry advocacy conference in Washington. Every year, United Fresh convenes hundreds of produce industry executives, advocates and companies to meet with national leaders about policies and laws that effect the industry.

"This year, ag legislation is headed in a new direction," Farr said. "We're finally offering support for the healthy fruit and vegetable farmers who produce the food our children should be eating. It's great for my district on California's Central Coast, and it's great for the nation. When a farm bill becomes a health bill, it's a clear sign we're moving in the right direction."

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